

THE CRISIS OF CHILD PROTECTION IN SYRIAN ARMED CONFLICT

Abstract

This thesis aims to find solution which is considered more effective in protecting child casualties in Syrian armed conflict. So many children experienced and witnessed war because of this armed conflict; the thing that Syrian government has done is a war crime that should not be done, because this will cause children undergo traumatic effect which took a long time to recover. Therefore, there are a lot of regulations governing child casualties in armed conflict such as Geneva Convention, even United Nation Convention on the Right of Child, but somehow this regulation are still violated by the armed conflict parties, thus causing more and more children become victims. This study is the result of a normative research with statute, analytic and case approaches regarding the impact caused by conflict in Syria. The study found that, the main factor causing problem for children in Syria is derived from the armed conflict itself. The armed conflict in Syria leads to educational issue, poverty, sexual violence, child labour, children recruitment and used by parties of conflict, child marriage, and abduction of children. Then those problems have led to the ineffectiveness of the child protection in Syria. Before the child casualties increase, the Government should follow the provisions that set out by International Community, such as Geneva Convention, and United Nation is recommended to be conducted.

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